

<b>DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION (37 CFR 1.63)</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Declaration submitted with initial filing <input type="checkbox"/> Declaration submitted after initial filing (surcharge required (37 CFR 1.16(e)))	Attorney Docket No.	<b>RPS920030116US1</b>
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### SCALABILITY MANAGEMENT MODULE FOR DYNAMIC NODE CONFIGURATION

the specification of which:

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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